

## A B S T R A C T

A METHOD OF PROCESSING POSTAL ITEMS WITH ACCOUNT BEING  
TAKEN OF EXTRA EXPENSE DUE TO WRONG DELIVERY

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A method of processing postal items in which an  
image is formed of each item, the image including address  
information (1), and on the basis of the image of the  
item and a reference address base (6), OCR is used to  
10 perform automatic recognition of the destination address  
information (8, 9), is characterized in that during  
automatic recognition of destination address information,  
use is made (10) of a database (11) in which there are  
organized ordered lists of delivery points for delivery  
15 rounds in such a manner as to take account of an  
estimated extra cost for destination error associated  
with processing the item should the item be delivered to  
an erroneous delivery point.

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